

MINUTES
OF THE
Evangelical Lutheran Synod AND Ministerium,
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
AND
ADJACENT PARTS,
CONVENED AT ZION'S CHURCH,
Wythe County, Virginia,
ON THE SECOND SUNDAY IN MAY, 1838, AND DAYS FOLLOWING.

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THE MINUTES.

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1838.

The Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, and Ministerium of North Carolina and adjacent parts, with their Lay-Delegates, assembled in Zion's Church, Wythe county, Virginia, on the 12th of May, 1838.—The hour for public worship having arrived, and an attentive congregation assembled to hear the messages of Salvation, the solemnities of divine service were commenced by the Rev. Benjamin Arey, who delivered an interesting discourse from Is. lv., 6, 7, showing the *necessity* of seeking the Lord without delay;—the *manner* in which he is to be sought, and his *willingness* to be found of those who sincerely seek him.

Without any intermission, the Rev. David Bernhard, delegate from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina, followed with an instructive Sermon from 2 Cor. v., 20, showing, that the world has *revolted* from God;—that Ministers of the Gospel are ambassadors for Christ, to make known the *terms* of reconciliation, and the necessity of *complying* with these terms without delay. The Rev. Jacob Scherer, Pastor of the congregation, then read from the Liturgy the usual form of Confession, and announced to the truly penitent and humble believer in Christ, God's promises to pardon sin, and that they, who hunger and thirst after righteousness, shall be satisfied and have cause to rejoice in the God of their Salvation. The congregation was then dismissed with the benediction.

LORD'S DAY.

At an early hour of the day, a large Congregation assembled to engage in the solemnities of public worship. As the Church was too small to contain all the people, the exercises of divine worship were conducted at a stand, near the Church, which had been erected for the occasion.—The President, Rev. H. Græber, preached the Synodical Sermon from Romans i. 16, in which he gave a lucid explanation of what is *meant* by the Gospel;—that it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes, and that therefore, the Apostle *was* not, and we *must* not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ.

After making a profitable improvement of the subject for the benefit of the Congregation at large, he gave an affectionate and impressive exhortation to his Ministerial brethren in particular.

The Rev. David Bernhard then succeeded, and preached an edifying sermon from Luke xv. 2, showing the infinite mercy and love of Jesus Christ, as manifested by his willingness to receive sinners in the most affectionate manner. The Congregation was then invited into the Church to celebrate the dying love of the son of God. The Pastor of the Congregation, having consecrated the elements for communion by thanksgiving and fervent prayer to a throne of grace, the Holy Supper was administered to the Ministers, the Lay-Delegates and Congregation generally, and to some Christian friends of other denominations.

During the whole of these exercises, the Congregation observed good order, and by their unremitted attention, manifested a desire to be instructed in the way to Salvation, and we hope and trust, that in the great day of accounts, some good results from this meeting will be seen.—May the good Lord follow with his blessing the labors of his servants to promote the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the present and eternal happiness of precious souls.

After a short intermission, the Congregation re-assembled at the stand, where a short discourse was delivered by Rev. S. Rothrock. Thus ended the solemn services of the Lord's day.

FIRST SESSION,

MONDAY, MAY 14. 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Ministers and Lay-Delegates assembled in the Church, and after singing an appropriate hymn, united with the Rev. President in humble prayer to a throne of grace, for the enlightening influences and the direction of the Divine Spirit in all the deliberations of Synod.

Agreeably to the Constitution, the names of the regular members of Synod were then called, of whom the following were present:

Ordained Ministers.

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| 1. Rev. Jacob Scherer, | Rural Retreat, Wythe co., Va. |
| 2. " Henry Græber, | Near Salisbury, Rowan co., N. C. |
| 3. " William Artz, | Holt's Store, Orange co., N. C. |
| 4. " John T. Tabler, | Wythe C. H., Va. |
| 5. " Samuel Rothrock, | Salisbury, N. C. |
| 6. " *Benjamin Arey, | Near Salisbury, N. C. |
| 7. " *Elijah Hawkins, | Marion, Smythe co., Va. |
| 8. " *Philip A. Strobel, | Concord, Cabarrus co., N. C. |

Licentiates.

Post-Office Address.

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| 9. Rev. John Swicagood, | Pinkston's Store, Davidson, N. C. |
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Absentees.

Post-Office Address.

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| 10. Rev. G. Shober, (excused,) | Salem, N. C. |
| 11. " Jacob Miller, | |
| 12. " Jacob Grieson, (excused,) | Alemance, Guilford co., N. C. |
| 13. " Adam Grimes, (excused,) | Wilkes, co., N. C. |

The Lay-Delegates then presented their Credentials and were invited to take seats in Synod.

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| 1. Mr. Jonas Hottel, Esq., | from Rev. J. Scherer's Congregations. |
| 2. " Daniel D. Ridenour, | " " H. Græber's " |
| 3. " J. W. Murray, | " " W. Artz's " |
| 4. " George Rody, | " " J. T. Tabler's " |
| 5. " John Michael, | " " B. Arey's " |
| 6. " Thomas J. Meyers, | " " E. Hawkins' " |
| 7. " Mathias Barrier, Esq., | " " P. A. Strobel's " |

Rev. S. Rothrock now stated, that Mr. Peter Arey, the delegate appointed to represent his Congregations, was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting of Synod, and wished to be excused.

* Ordained at this meeting of Synod.

I. *Resolved*, That Mr. Peter Arey be excused for not attending the meeting of Synod.

The President, Rev. H. Græber, in compliance with the Constitution, now read his annual Address.

II. *Resolved*, That the President's Address be accepted.

Notice was then given by the President; that the next business of Synod, was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The officers were voted for separately, and on counting the votes, it appeared that the following were elected:

Rev. WILLIAM ARTZ, President, Rev. SAMUEL ROTHROCK, Secretary, and Mr. MATHIAS BARRIER, Treasurer.

Rev. David Bernhard was introduced to the Synod as the Delegate from the Synod of South Carolina, and invited to take a seat among us and to participate in our deliberations.

S. R. Shepherd, a student from the Lutheran Seminary at Lexington, S. C. being present, was invited to take a seat among us as an advisory member.

III. *Resolved*, That we dispense with reading the minutes of the Synod of last year.

All letters and documents intended for the Synod, were now called for, handed in and referred to committees, appointed by the President, to examine and report on the same.

COMMITTEES.

On Petitions.—Rev. H. Græber, Rev. J. T. Tabler, Rev. S. Rothrock and Messrs. D. D. Ridenour and G. Rudy.

On Minutes.—Rev. P. A. Strobel, Rev. E. Hawkins, Messrs M. Barrier, Esq., and T. J. Meyers.

On Letters.—Rev. J. Scherer, Rev. B. Arey, Messrs. J. Hottel, Esq., and J. Michael.

President's Address.—Rev. W. Artz, Rev. S. Rothrock and Mr. J. W. Murray.

Treasurer's Accounts.—Rev. D. Bernhard, Rev. J. Swicegood, and Mr. T. J. Meyers.

Seminary Funds.—Rev. Philip A. Strobel, Rev. E. Hawkins, and Mr. M. Barrier, Esq.

The hour having arrived for the Missionary and Education Society to hold its regular meeting, therefore,

IV. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till to-morrow morning 9 o'clock, to give the Missionary and Education Society an opportunity to hold its Annual Meeting:

Proceedings of the Missionary and Education Society.

MONDAY, MAY 14. 11 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to a Resoulution at its last meeting the Missionary and Education Society, connected with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, of N. C., met, and was opened with a Missionary Sermon, by the Rev. P. A. Strobel, from Acts, xx., 35, (latter clause,) establishing the principle, that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and that the spiritual wants of the Church has claims upon the liberality of Christians.

The Society then proceeded to an election for officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Rev. W. ARTZ, President, Rev. S. ROTHROCK, Secretary, and Mr. M. BARRIER, Treasurer.

The former Treasurer, not being able to attend this meeting personally, sent in his report of the state of the Society's funds, from which it appeared, that none of the Society's money had been expended, and that the same was out on interest.

Amount in the Treasury,	-	-	-	-	-	\$75 11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Received at this meeting,	-	-	-	-	-	28 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	103 98 $\frac{1}{2}$

1. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Society be required to give a bond for the amount of money collected at the present meeting of this Society and the amount of the bond of the late Treasurer with interest thereon, and that the bond of the former Treasurer be conveyed by the President of the Society to the present Treasurer.

A committee of three was then elected by ballot to employ a Missionary. *Committee.*—Rev. H. Græber, Rev. P. A. Strobel and Rev. S. Rothrock.

2. *Resolved*, That the President appoint six Directors, who shall serve one year.—*Directors appointed*: Rev. J. Scherer, Rev. J. T. Tabler, Rev. B. Arey, Messrs. J. Michael, T. J. Meyers, and G. Rudy.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Society to employ a Missionary, reported, that they had not been able to procure one, and that consequently, none had been employed.

3. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of this Society, be authorized to take the necessary steps for the employment of a Missionary forthwith, for as long a time as the funds will justify, and that said Missionary be required to act as agent, to collect funds for this society.

4. *Resolved*, That all the Ministers belonging to our Synod, be requested to lay the subject of Missions before their respective Congregations at as early a time as convenient, and that collections be made in aid of the funds of this Society.

5. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be voted to the people of this neighborhood, for their liberal donations to its funds.

6. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society be voted to the Rev. P. A. Strobel, for his excellent discourse delivered at the opening of the Society.

7. *Resolved*, That the President appoint a Minister to preach a Missionary Sermon at the next annual meeting of the Society. Rev. J. T. Tabler, was appointed.

8. *Resolved*, That the next annual meeting of this Society be held at the same time and place of our next Synodical meeting; that the Missionary Sermon be preached on Sabbath afternoon, and the Society meet on the succeeding day, (Monday,) at 1 o'clock, P. M.

9. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this meeting be printed with the Minutes of Synod.

10. *Resolved*, That the Society now adjourn.
Closed with singing and prayer.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, Secretary.

SECOND SESSION.

TUESDAY, MAY 15. 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with singing and by prayer, by the Rev. President.

The Parochial Reports were then handed in and registered.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Ministers.	No. Congregations.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.....	Received by Letter.	Communicants	Burials.....	Bible Classes.....	Sunday Schools.....	Teachers.....	Scholars
		Children	Adults.....								
Rev. J. Scherer,.....	4	19				208	8		2		
" H. Græber,.....	3	92				538	20		3		400
" W. Artz,.....	5	32		2		148	9				
" J. T. Tabler,...	3	20				200	8		3		
" S. Rothrock,...	3	43	4	56		280	17		2		
" B. Arey,.....	4	46	6	76		195					
" E. Hawkins,...	4	22				155	2		1	6	65
" P. A. Strobel,.	4	40	7	64	25	300	10	3	3		
" J. Swicegood,.	6	7					3				
Total, ...	36	321	17	198	25	2024	77	3	12	6	465

The contributions to the funds of the Synod were next called for and paid over to the Treasurer as follows :

Rev. J. Scherer's Congregations.

Kimberling's Church, ...	\$1 81
St. Paul's, "	2 00
Zion's, "	14 6-17 87

Rev. H. Græber's Congregations.

Organ Church, ...	\$7 00
Sewitses' "	2 75
St. John's, "	9 00-18 75
Rev. W. Artz, ...	2 00

Rev. J. T. Tabler's Congregations.

Garden Church, ...	\$2 75
St. John's* "	4 00-6 75

Rev. S. Rothrock's Congregations.

John's Church, ...	\$2 00
St. Paul's, "	2 00
Union, "	3 00-7 00

*Collected after the adjournment of Synod, Sec.

Rev. B. Arey's Congregations.

Beck's Church,		\$0 45
St. Michael's "		2 77
Sandy-Creek "		1 21
Laenard's "		0 71—5 14

Rev. E. Hawkin's Congregations.

Chilhowee Church,		\$1 60
South-Fork "		87½
Sharon, "		87½
Collep's "		1 50
Peter Snavelly, Sen.		2 50—7 35

Rev. P. A. Strobel's Congregations.

Cold-water Church,		\$5 10
St. Enoch's, "		5 50
Bear-Creek, "		2 20
St. Stephen's "		1 25—14 05

Rev. J. Swicegood's Congregations.

Hopewell Church,		55
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Total, ... \$79 46

The next business in order, was to hear the reports of the Committees.

REPORT, NO. I. On the Treasury.

The Committee to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer, beg leave to report:

RECEIPTS.

Amount received from former Treasurer,	\$94 80
Interest, ...	70—95 00*

EXPENDITURES.

For printing Minutes, ...	\$35 00
Travelling expenses to Rev. W. Artz, .	30 00—65 00
Balance in the Treasury, ...	30 00

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID BERNHARD, Chairman.

Add to the above the contributions at this meeting of Synod,
\$79 46

A note of hand paid by Rev. S. Rothrock, 50 00

Amount now in the Treasury, ... \$159 46

The report of the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts being adopted, it was

V. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of Synod be authorized, to put the money, which may not be needed to defray the expenses for printing Minutes, &c., on interest, taking bonds and security.

VI. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till after Divine service.

The Rev. D. Bernhard, Delegate from the Synod of South Carolina, then preached an instructive Sermon from Luke xiii. 6—9; showing the indispensable necessity of *experimental piety*, without which, future happiness would be unattainable.

THIRD SESSION.

TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met and resumed its business.—The Committee, appointed at the last meeting of Synod, to examine the state of the Archives, asked leave to report.

REPORT, NO. II. *On the Archives.*

The Committee appointed to examine the state of the Archives of this Synod, beg leave to report:—That they have separated from them such papers, as in their opinion were of no value to the Synod, and have deposited the remainder in said Archives for safe keeping.

Respectfully submitted,

H. GRÆBER, Chairman.

VII. *Resolved*, That this report be adopted.

REPORT, NO. III. *On Seminary Funds.*

The Committee appointed on the communication of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report as follows:

The Treasurer has, agreeably to the instructions of this body, placed out at interest, the funds collected for the Seminary; which interest, will be due on the 8th of June. The Treasurer desires to know in what manner the interest money, arising from our funded Capital, is to be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Seminary appointed by the S. C. Synod. Your Committee would recommend, that our Treasurer so arrange his business in future, as that the interest money will become due about the 15th of every October, so that it may be transmitted by the Delegate appointed by this Synod to attend that of South Carolina. In regard to the amount that will be due on the 8th of June, your Committee would recommend, that it be advanced by the Treasurer, of our Synod and paid over to the Delegate from the S. C. Synod, at present attending the meeting of this body, and that the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Seminary for said amount, so soon as it shall become due.

The Treasurer of the Seminary wishes to be informed when his term of office will expire. No time was specified when he was elected; as however, all our officers are elected annually, your committee are of the opinion, that his term of office has now expired. Your Committee would beg leave to suggest the propriety of electing the Treasurer of the Seminary *biennially*, believing that such an arrangement would be decidedly the most advantageous to the Treasurer, in making a profitable disposition of our funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted.

P. A. STROBEL, Chairman.

VIII. *Resolved*, That the recommendations in this report be adopted.

IX. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of our Synod pay over to the Rev. D. Bernhard, the sum of \$31 80, being the amount of interest which will

be due on the funded Capital of the Seminary on the 8th of June, and that the Treasurer of Synod be authorized to draw on the Treasurer of Seminary for said amount, so soon as it shall become due.

X. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Seminary, who may be elected at the present meeting of Synod, shall serve for two years, and that hereafter, the election of that officer take place *biennially*.

Synod then proceeded to an election for Treasurer of the Seminary. On counting the votes, it appeared that Moses L. Brown, of Salisbury, was re-elected to serve for two years.

The money collected by the agents for the funds of the Seminary, was paid over as follows:

By Rev. J. Scherer,	-	-	-	-	-	\$63 00
" " H. Gräber,	-	-	-	-	-	65 00
" " W. Artz,	-	-	-	-	-	5 00
" " S. Rothrock,	-	-	-	-	-	52 00
" " B. Arey,	-	-	-	-	-	21 00
" " P. A. Strobel,	-	-	-	-	-	31 00
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$237 00

The Committee on Petitions next reported.

REPORT NO. IV. *On Petitions.*

The Committee, appointed to examine the Petitions to this Synod, have attended to their duty, and beg leave to submit the following report:

No. 1, Is a communication from Cold-water Church, Cabarrus county, N. C. signed by thirty-four persons, in which they bear favorable testimony to the labors of the Rev. P. A. Strobel, and pray that he may be continued as their Pastor for another year. They also submit to the prayerful consideration of Synod, the propriety of calling a Convention for the formation of new Pastoral districts throughout the bounds of the N. C. Synod; or at any rate, within the State of N. Carolina. They also pray, that the Rev. P. A. Strobel, may be ordained at this meeting of Synod.

Your Committee rejoice in the success of brother Strobel, that his labors have been blessed, and hope that the Divine blessing may succeed his efforts in future. As regards the calling of a Convention, your committee are of the opinion, that the Synod, according to the Constitution, has sufficient power *now* to form and change Pastoral districts, which supersedes the necessity of calling such a Convention for this express purpose. A Convention, if called, could do nothing more than *recommend* certain regulations to the churches. Brother Strobel's ordination is referred to the Ministerium.

No. 2, Is a communication from St. Enoch's Church, Rowan county, N. C. stating, that they have for the past year, enjoyed the labors of the Rev. P. A. Strobel, whose Ministerial performances have given entire satisfaction, and pray for a continuance of his labors among them.

Referred to the Ministerium.

No. 3, Is a communication from St. Stephen's Church, Cabarrus county, N. C. which has been organized during the last year, praying to be received under the care of Synod—that the Rev. P. A. Strobel be ordained and his services continued among them.

Your Committee recommend, that said Church be received under the superintending care of Synod, and refer the remainder of the petition to the Ministerium.

No. 4, Is a communication from Bethel Church, Montgomery county, N. C. in which they express their satisfaction with the Ministerial labors

of the Rev. P. A. Strobel, and pray that he may be continued among them.
Referred to the Ministerium.

No. 5. Is a communication from the Elders and Deacons of Sandy-creek, Pilgrim's and Beck's Churches in Davidson county, N. C. stating, that during the past year, they enjoyed the labors of the Rev. B. Arey, that his Ministerial services and Christian deportment, gave general satisfaction, and pray a continuance of his labors among them.

Referred to the Ministerium.

No. 6. Is a communication from St. Mathew's Church, Rowan county, N. C., stating, that they have regularly organized themselves into a Congregation, and pray to be received under the care of Synod: also, that they have chosen the Rev. B. Arey, as their Pastor; and, should he decline serving them, pray that Synod would make some other provision for them.

Your Committee recommend, that said Church be received under the superintending care of Synod, and refer the remainder of the petition to the Ministerium.

No. 7. Is a communication from Hopewell Church, in Stokes county, N. C., stating, that they are few in number, but wish to be furnished with a Minister for the next year, expressing a willingness to extend a support to him to the best of their ability. They further pray that the Rev. G. Shober, and his Delegate be excused for not attending this meeting of Synod, in consequence of bodily infirmity and indisposition.

Your Committee recommend, that the Rev. G. Shober, and his Delegate be excused, and refer the remainder of the petition to the Ministerium.

No. 8. Is a communication from brother A. Grimes, Wilkes county, N. C., praying to be excused for not attending this meeting of Synod in consequence of bodily affliction: also, that his License be renewed, and he authorized to solemnize the rites of matrimony.

Your Committee recommend, that his absence be excused, and refer the remainder of his petition to the Ministerium.

Nos. 9, and 10. Are communications from Rev. G. Grieson, and several other persons in Guilford county, N. C., praying to be excused for his non-attendance at Synod, in consequence of bodily indisposition, and that his License be renewed.

Your Committee recommend, that the Rev. J. Grieson, be excused and refer the renewal of his License to the Ministerium.

No. 11. Is a communication from Nazareth Church, in Stokes county, N. C., signed by two individuals, stating that they have, for some time, been destitute of regular preaching, and pray to be supplied with a Minister from this Synod, promising to do what they can towards his support.

Referred to the Ministerium.

Nos. 12, and 13. Are petitions from Organ Church in Rowan county, and Graves' Church, in Orange county, N. C., inviting this Synod to hold its next annual meeting in their midst.

We recommend the same to the consideration of Synod.

No. 14. Is a communication from St. Michael's Church in Iredell county, N. C., expressing their satisfaction with the labors of the Rev. B. Arey, during the past year, and pray a continuance of his services among them; and also invite this body to hold its next Synodical Meeting in their Church.

We refer their petition to the Ministerium and their invitation to the consideration of Synod. Respectfully submitted,

H. GRÆBER, Chairman.

XI. *Resolved*, That this report be adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of sister Synods, beg leave to Report, that

REPORT, NO. V. *On Minutes.*

No. 1, Are the Minutes of the seventh meeting of Hartwick Synod, which convened at Cobelskill, Schoharie county, N. York, on the 2nd of Sept., 1837. The number of Ministers belonging to this Synod, is 11. Congregations 19; Communicants, 2,647; Baptisms, 213; Confirmations, 87; Sunday Schools, 26; Teachers, 100; Scholars reported, 824; Temperance Societies, 4. The officers of Synod are,

Rev. J. Z. SENDERLING, President; Rev. DAVID EYSTER, Secretary, and Rev. THOMAS LAPE, Treasurer.

No. 2, Are the Minutes of the third meeting of the Synod of the West, which convened at Shoffner's Church, in Bedford county, Tennessee, Oct., 1st. 1837. This Synod numbers 11 Ministers, 4 of whom were absent. From the Parochial Reports, it appears that there are 14 Congregations connected with this Synod, containing 1151 Communicants. The number of Baptisms reported, is 250; Confirmations, 46; Sabbath Schools, 5. The officers are,

Rev. JACOB CRIGLER, President; Rev. WILLIAM JENKINS, Secretary, Rev. J. J. LEHMANOWSKY, Treasurer.

Your Committee cannot but express their satisfaction at the success which appears to have crowned the efforts of our brethren in the West.—It is only three years since this Synod was organized, and in point of number, respectability and zeal in the cause of the Master, it will bear an honorable comparison with many of our Synods, that have existed for a much longer time. Your Committee cannot but indulge the pleasing hope, that through the organization of this Synod provision will be made for the spiritual wants of many of our brethren, who have removed or may yet remove to the West, and that the wholesome doctrines and government of our venerable Church, will probably become prevalent in portions of our country, where hitherto they have been unknown.

No. 3, Are the Minutes of the 14th meeting of the Synod of S. Carolina, and adjacent parts, which convened in Charleston, on the 11th Nov. 1837. This Synod numbers 14 ordained Ministers and 7 Licentiates.—The number of Congregations belonging to it, is 24, containing 1574 communicants. The number of Baptisms reported is, 295; Confirmations, 98; Sabbath Schools, 14; Teachers, 76; Scholars, 614. This Synod has resolved itself into a Foreign Missionary Society, auxiliary to the German Foreign Missionary Society of the United States. The officers of this Society are,

JACOB F. MINTZING, President; Rev. J. BACHMAN, D. D., Mr. W. CAUGHMAN, Mr. T. PURSE, Vice Presidents; Rev. E. L. HAZELIUS, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, and Rev. DAVID BERNHARD, Recording Secretary; Mr. JOSEPH WINGARD, Treasurer.

The Synod of S. Carolina appears to be increasing its exertions for the spread of Evangelical truth. The officers of Synod are,

Rev. STEPHEN A. MEALY, President; Rev. JOHN C. HOPE, Secretary; Col. WEST CAUGHMAN, Treasurer.

Our Seminary at the South is in a flourishing condition, if we may judge from the Report of the Executive Committee.

No. 4, Are the Minutes of the second meeting of the English Synod of Ohio, which convened at New Philadelphia, on the 5th of November, 1837. This Synod numbers 12 Ordained Ministers and Licentiates. There are 63 Congregations connected with this Synod, containing 4,300 communing members. The number of Baptisms was 729; Confirmations, 437; and there are 12 Sabbath Schools in successful operation.

This Synod, though as yet in its infancy, is quite prosperous, and its members appear to be actuated by a truly Evangelical spirit. The officers are,

Rev. JAMES MANNING, President; Rev. E. GREENWALD Secretary; CHARLES HENKEL, Treasurer.

No. 5, Are the Minutes of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, which convened at Hagerstown in the State of Maryland, on the 27th of May, 1837. There are six District Synods attached to this body. Its officers are,

Rev. JOHN BACHMAN, D. D., President; A. LOCHMAN, Secretary; Mr. S. H. BUEHLER, Treasurer.

Much interesting and important business was transacted, and your Committee rejoice to perceive, that our General Synod, is not only becoming more respectable in point of number, but that the advantages arising from it to our Southern Zion generally, are beginning to be more apparent, and consequently, are more appreciated. The next meeting of the General Synod will be held at Chambersburg, Pa., on the last Sunday in May, 1839.

These are all the Minutes that have been received by this body. The Minutes of some of the largest and most respectable of our sister Synods have not come to hand; a circumstance much to be regretted, as we are thus deprived of the means of obtaining any information in relation to some of the most populous and interesting sections of our Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP A. STROBEL, Chairman.

XII. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

REPORT NO. VI. *On President's Address.*

The Committee appointed to examine the President's Address, beg leave to state that they have attended to their duty and recommend,

That the Books, remaining on hand at the house of Mr. Dewalt Lentz, bequeathed to this Synod by our venerable father, C. A. Storke, be exposed to public auction (with the exception of such as may be useful to our Southern Seminary,) by agents appointed by this Synod, at such time and place as they may deem proper, and the proceeds be appropriated to the funds of our Southern Seminary. We further recommend, that said Address, as amended by your Committee, be appended to the Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM ARTZ, Chairman.

XIII. *Resolved*, That this Report be adopted.

XIV. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President, to superintend the selection and sale of the above mentioned books, and hand in the proceeds of the sale thereof, at the next meeting of Synod.

Committee—Rev. P. A. Strobel, Col. J. Shimpoph and C. Melchor, Esq.

The Committee on Letters not being ready to report, Synod proceeded to miscellaneous business.

XV. *Resolved*, That the Rev. H. Græber retain the Bond of the Treasurer of the Seminary in his possession.

XVI. *Resolved*, That S. Rothrock be excused for not attending the last meeting of the South Carolina Synod as delegate from this body, for the reasons assigned by him.

XVII. *Resolved*, That the Rev. H. Græber be excused for not attending the German Reformed Classis as delegate from this Synod, for the reasons assigned by him.

XVIII. *Resolved*, That the formation of a new Pastoral District, petitioned for at our Synod in 1837, be referred to the consideration of St. John's Church, and that they report the result to Synod at its next meeting.

XIX. *Resolved*, That any Licentiate, coming from the Synod of South Carolina, or any other Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the United States, having a perpetual License and an honorable dismissal, and applying for

admission into this Synod, shall, by a vote of Synod, be received as a member of the same and his License considered valid.

XX. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till to-morrow 9 o'clock. Closed with singing and by prayer by Rev. J. T. Tabler.

The President then announced the Ministerial Session. [See Ministerial Session.]

FOURTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, May 16. 9 o'clock, A. M.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened by singing and prayer.

REPORT, NO. VII. *On Letters.*

The Committee appointed to examine the document No. 3., beg leave to report, that it consists of a Letter from Rev. Dr. Hazelins, Professor of Theology in the Lutheran Seminary in South Carolina, containing information,

1. Of the intention of the Board of Directors to build an edifice for the use of the Theological Institution alone, unconnected with the Classical Department.

2. Of having a Classical School also in full connection with the Seminary, and under their exclusive control.

3. Of the consequent necessity for an enlargement of the funds of the Seminary, and assuring us, that any contributions from this Synod, for the accomplishment of these purposes, would be highly gratifying and acceptable.

4. Bearing cheering attestation to the health of the students from North Carolina and Virginia, now prosecuting their studies in the Seminary; also, to their progress in piety and learning.

Finally—we recommend that this letter be read before Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB SCHERER, Chairman.

Accepted.

XXI. *Resolved*, That the consideration of this report be postponed till the afternoon session.

XXII. *Resolved*, That Synod now proceed to the appointment of Delegates, by ballot, to the next meeting of the South Carolina Synod, and to the General Synod.

The election resulted as follows:

To the Synod of South Carolina—Rev. S. Rothrock, and Rev. P. A. Strobel his alternate:

To General Synod—Rev. J. T. Tabler and Rev. B. Arey Ministerial, and Col. John Smith and Christopher Brown Lay-Delegates.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That Synod adjourn till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

ORDINATION.

WEDNESDAY, 11 o'clock, A. M.

Pursuant to a resolution of the Ministerium, the brethren, Rev. B. Arey, Rev. E. Hawkins and Rev. P. A. Strobel, were to-day ordained to the Gospel Ministry. A considerable congregation assembled to participate in the

exercises of public worship. The Ordination Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Artz, President of Synod, from 2 Cor. iv. 7; after which, the Candidates for Ordination were invited before the altar. The Rev. President proceeded to propose to them the constitutional questions, which being answered in the affirmative, they were solemnly set apart for the work of the Ministry, by the "laying on of hands and by prayer." The right hand of Christian fellow-ship was then given to them by the President and the brethren in succession.

The Congregation was then dismissed with a scriptural benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and resumed its business.

XXIV. *Resolved*, That the President be requested to furnish, for publication in the Lutheran Pulpit, a copy of the excellent Discourse, delivered this day before Synod.

XXV. *Resolved*, That the report which was deferred to this afternoon's session, be now taken up. [See report on Letters.]

The following resolution, based upon that report, was then adopted:

XXVI. *Resolved*, That our President be requested to write to the Board of Directors of our Theological Seminary, with a view of ascertaining their determination to erect a Seminary Edifice at Lexington, S. C., to inquire of them, whether they consider the present location as permanent, and what amount of funds will be required, in addition to what is now collected, to complete the Edifice. The President will report the result of his inquiries to each Minister as soon as practicable, and make such recommendations on the subject, as he shall deem best.

Synod then proceeded to ballot for the place of our next Synodical meeting. Invitations were given from Organ Church, Rowan County; St. Michael's Church, Iredell County, and Graves' Church, Orange County, N. C.

On counting the votes, it appeared that Graves' Church had the majority.

Synod next proceeded to determine the time of its next meeting.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That the next meeting of Synod be on Saturday before the third Sunday in April, 1839, and that Synod be organized on Saturday at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Accordingly, the next meeting of Synod will be held in Graves' Church, Orange County, N. C., on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in April, 1839.

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod be requested to communicate to our friends and brethren in this neighborhood, our unfeigned thanks for their hospitality, and for the unremitted care and attention, which they have manifested for our comfort during our stay in their midst.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That 1,000 copies of the Minutes of our Synod be printed—that the Secretary superintend the printing and distribution of them, and that the usual number of copies be sent to all sister Synods in the United States.

XXX. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Congregations under the care of Rev. B. Arey, Rev. P. A. Strobel and Rev. S. Rothrock, to permit their Pastors to spend one month in destitute congregations in Lincoln county, N. C., during the ensuing year.

XXXI. *Resolved*, That when the protracted meeting in St. Michael's Church, Iredell, is held, the brethren South of the Yadkin be invited to attend.

XXXII. *Resolved*, That Synod now adjourn, to meet again at the time and place before agreed upon.

The members of Synod and Congregation, then united with the Rev. President in singing a suitable dismissal hymn, and fervent prayer to the throne of God's grace, imploring his forgiveness of all our sins and imperfections; his blessing upon the deliberations of Synod, and guidance through all the changes of life; and to bring us at last to meet around His throne of glory in a future and a better world.—AMEN.

The foregoing is a faithful record of the proceedings and transactions of Synod.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, Secretary.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

TUESDAY, May 15. 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Ministerium met and was opened with singing and by prayer, by the Rev. President.

The Petitions for Ministerial labor &c., referred to the Ministerium, were then taken up and acted upon.

1. *Resolved*, That S. Rothrock and Rev. J. Swicegood visit Hopewell Church, in Stokes County, N. C., as often as practicable, during the ensuing year.

2. *Resolved*, That Rev. J. Swicegood be requested to visit Nazareth Church, in Stokes county, N. C., as often as practicable during this year.

3. *Resolved*, That Rev. B. Arey, be requested to continue his labors during this year, as far as practicable, in the Congregations which he served the past year, together with St. Mathew's Church.

4. *Resolved*, That the Rev. P. A. Strobel, be requested to continue his labors, during this year, in the Congregations which he served the past year, together with St. Stephen's Church.

5. *Resolved*, That the License of Rev. J. Grieson be renewed, and that his License be perpetual, (subject, however, to the order of Synod,) to officiate in the German language.

6. *Resolved*, That Rev. A. Grimes' License be renewed, and that his License be full and perpetual, subject to the order of Synod.

7. *Resolved*, That the License of Rev. John Swicegood be renewed for one year.

The subject of ordination, which had been referred to the Ministerium, was next taken up and acted upon. The Sermons and Journals, which were presented for examination, proved satisfactory, and as the Ministerium had full confidence in the Ministerial qualifications of the Brethren, both as to piety and mental attainments, therefore,

8. *Resolved*, That the Brethren, Rev. B. Arey, Rev. E. Hawkins, and Rev. P. A. Strobel, be ordained to the Gospel Ministry on to-morrow in the Church, and that the Rev. President preach the Ordination Sermon.

9. *Resolved*, That the Ministerium now adjourn.

Closed with a benediction.

The foregoing is a faithful record of the proceedings of the Ministerium.

SAMUEL ROTHROCK, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

DEAR BRETHREN:

In accordance with the Constitution of this Rev. Synod and Ministerium; it has been made my duty to present a Report of Ecclesiastical officers, and of the transactions of the business imposed upon me, during the past year. Almost twelve months have revolved since we met in Synod, and it is an occasion of holy rejoicing and thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church, that he has preserved our unprofitable lives; and for the enjoyment of many blessings from on high as Heralds of the Cross. By an all-over-ruling Providence we are now assembled again in Synod, for the purpose of deliberating upon important matters pertaining to the kingdom of our Divine Redeemer, and to transact such business of the Evangelical branch of the Church to which we belong, as may be regularly brought before us, with a view to use all proper efforts to promote the glory of God, the salvation of blood-bought and never-dying souls, and to extend the borders of our beloved Zion.

In addition to this introduction, I would now proceed to lay before this Rev. Body, the events that have transpired since the adjournment of the last Synodical Session, so far as they have come within my knowledge.

In the month of August last, the Rev. Philip Arthur Strobel presented to me an honorable dismissal, which he had obtained from the President of the Synod of South Carolina, accompanied with a strong testimony to his literary qualifications and unblemished moral character. Some time after this, the Rev. Elijah Hawkins, also, forwarded an honorable dismissal to me, which he had received from the same source, bearing favorable testimony to his attainments in piety and learning, and to his upright and exemplary deportment.

In the Fall I received an encouraging report concerning the Theological Seminary at Lexington, South Carolina, written by the Rev. Doctor Ernest L. Hazelius, the Professor of that Institution, in which he stated that they had reason to be thankful to God, for the kindness and protecting care which he had vouchsafed to them during the Summer Session; and that they had met with no interruption from sickness of any consequence. He further stated that he had reason to be pleased with the application and moral conduct of the students. There were also several accessions of students during the last Summer; one from Virginia, two from Charleston, and one from the State of New-York. Three students graduated at the end of the Summer session, and probably presented themselves for licensure at the last meeting of the Synod of South Carolina. And lastly he added: "We recommend ourselves and our Institution to your affectionate remembrance, and to the prayers of the brethren of your Synod."

Moreover, on my journey to this meeting, I received another letter of great importance from the Rev. Doctor, which you will find among the papers laid before Synod.

Hence, it is encouraging to learn, that this School of the Prophets is still in a flourishing condition, in which not only the Church of both the Carolinas feels herself deeply interested, but the adjacent States, and even the more interior of the Union have already experienced some of its advantages. And, although a good deal has been done already in patronizing this Institution, a great deal more remains yet to be done by the christian community: it justly claims our support and our prayers, at home and abroad. I should think some plan, if possible, ought to be devised by this Synod, different from the one we have been hitherto pursuing, to increase the funds of our Seminary more speedily. Certainly there is wealth enough in so happy a land as ours; all that remains then, is to get rightly at it.

With regard to the Delegates appointed at our last Synod, to meet the Synod of South Carolina, I have obtained no complete information.

Several Special Conferences, or Protracted Meetings have been held since the recess of the last Synod, and they have generally been well attended; good has been done, lasting impressions have been made, and we hope, some have been really converted to God. The conduct of many has been conformable to the Discipline of the church, which has been more extensively introduced and more strictly adhered to than formerly.

Hunger and thirst after the preaching of the Gospel and the administration of its ordinances, appear to be increasing within the limits of this Synod, and missionary fields still claim our attention. A section of East Tennessee, part of Lincoln and a part of Davie counties in North Carolina, seem (for ought I know) to be the most important at present. One or two small congregations might be organized South and South-West of Mocksville, (now the seat of justice of Davie.) I was particularly requested by respectable persons from that section of the latter county, to lay their situation before this Rev. Body.

Sunday Schools appear to be pretty generally established within the bounds of this Synod, in which good order and christian zeal prevail. Children are instructed, the youth improved, the aged edified, and the joyful news of Salvation is occasionally proclaimed to the slave in various ways.

There are between one and two hundred volumes of Books belonging to this Synod which merit our attention. These books are yet remaining from the Library of the Rev. C. A. Stork, who has long since gone to his rest. His surviving family had the first choice of them, and the balance he bequeathed to the Theological Seminary at Gettysbooy, which made the second choice, and reserved the surplusage to our Synod. These books are deposited at the house of Mr. Dewalt Lentz, in Rowan, North Carolina. There are some few Hebrew, Greek, Latin, French and English composi-

tions among them, and all the rest are German works—some whole and good, some torn and some well worn. Now these books might subserve some good purpose, if they were sold before they decay, and the German language with them.

The Lutheran Observer has become more extensively circulated in our Churches during the past year than formerly ; it ought still to be encouraged by this Synod, and patronized by all the respective Congregations under its care.

The subject of Foreign Missions has much engaged our thoughts ; we are aware of its importance and of the injunction of our Divine Master to preach, or cause the Gospel to be preached to every rational creature in the world ; but we deeply regret, that under existing circumstances we have not the means to engage in so noble a work abroad, inasmuch as we have still more Missionary ground at home than we have hitherto been enabled to cultivate. The children's bread we cannot spare,—the Theological School we dare not neglect ; all, therefore, that we can do is, to pray the Lord of the Harvest, to open the hearts and hands of the affluent to aid us in training up more Gospel Ministers—men of the right spirit—that the broken walls of Zion may be built up speedily at home ; and then it will afford us the greatest pleasure to send some of them to the Heathen world, where Immanuel's name has never been heard, and where his Gospel is not known.

May now the Sun of Righteousness graciously shine upon us and all our deliberations, that we may understand his will and promote his cause, to the glory of His holy name.

HENRY GRÆBER, President.